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Law student accused of killing his dad

Father's burned body was buried under concrete

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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LAW student Mark Alexander murdered his father and disposed of the body to 'live the life he wanted to lead' jurors heard yesterday.

The 22-year-old is standing trial following the discovery of the dismembered body of his 70-year-old father Samuel in Drayton Parslow.

Reading Crown Court heard how Mr Alexander allegedly attempted to dismember the body with a saw and then burned it, before burying it under four layers of concrete.

He is then said to have formed an elaborate plot to conceal the murder, including sending Christmas cards to neighbours 'from Samuel and Mark' – even though Samuel was already dead. John Price QC, prosecuting, told the court Samuel had been dead for five months before his body was discovered in the garden of his £500,000 home in Prospect Place in February.

Mr Price said: "The Crown alleges his son Mark killed him and disposed of the body."

"Then, with his father out of the way, he could live the life he wanted to lead, which the Crown suggests he knew his father would



Samuel Alexander had been dead for five months before his dismembered body was found

never permit while he was alive."

The high-flying law student, who was educated at the £27,000-per-year Rugby School, is said to have struggled with his father's expectations and control following his move to Fleet Street to attend the prestigious London University.

The court heard how Samuel was ambitious for his son, boasting to neighbours in August 2009 that Mr Alexander was due to go to Sorbonne University in Paris. Girlfriends were considered a distraction.

Mr Price said: "To Samuel it would have appeared that Mark was an obedient and dutiful son. But the Crown says that Mark was not able to properly challenge him in a mature, adult way over the control his father exercised over him."

On February 4, residents in the

small hamlet of Drayton Parslow submitted a dossier to police as they had not seen Samuel for several months, also explaining they had not been reassured by Mark Alexander's assurances.

Buckinghamshire Social Services, which was caring for retired English lecturer Samuel, got in touch with Mr Alexander the next day.

Mr Price said: "He replied that he was in regular contact with his father, and he had contacted him recently by e-mail about a burst water pipe."

The social worker asked him why his father had not been answering neighbours' concerns, and he replied: "What can I do if my father decides not to contact them?"

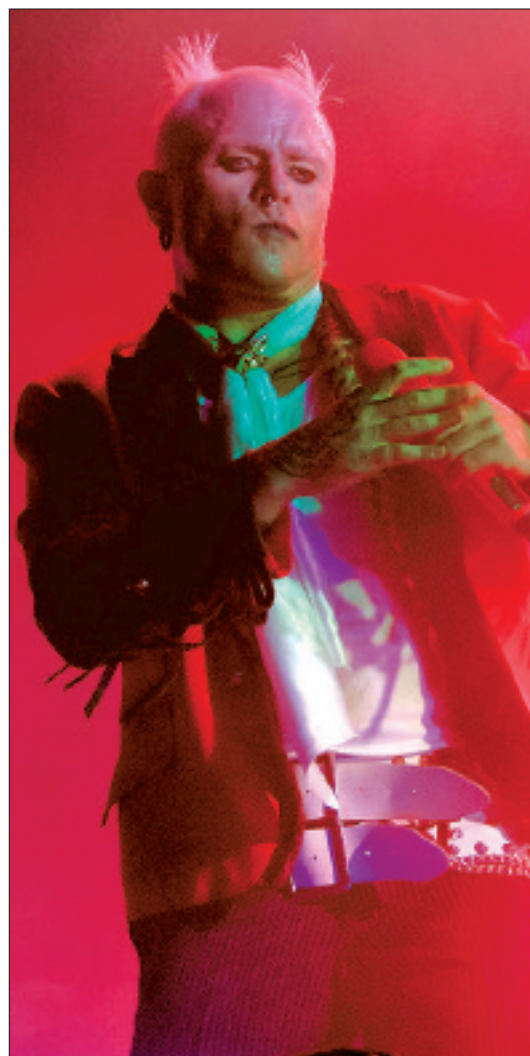
He reassured her that his father had gone to stay with 'Christian people'.

After his arrest on February 5, he told police he had last seen his father just before Christmas, but when quizzed, his girlfriend Senta Nazarbekova said he told her he had seen his father in February.

She is due to give evidence for the prosecution at a later date.

Mr Alexander denies murder, disposing of a body to prevent an inquest, and two offences of perverting the course of justice.

The trial continues.



DANCE act The Prodigy have received rave reviews after their biggest ever solo show at The Bowl on Saturday. Around 65,000 revellers watched the concert with organisers and police hailing it a success. Only 18 people were dealt with by police, of which 10 were arrested for offences ranging from assault, drugs possession and theft.

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Public meeting on superstore plans

A PUBLIC meeting will be held by Newport Pagnell Town Council to discuss new Tesco store plans.

The supermarket giant held an exhibition last week of altered plans for a store in the market town, and now the council will hold a public consultation on August 12.

The meeting at 7.30pm at Portfields School, Westbury Lane, will offer residents the chance to discuss the application and see the proposed plans for the site at the former Aston Martin factory on Tickford Street.

Mike Barry, councillor for Newport Pagnell North, said: "The town council wants to allow the residents to voice their opinion, so we can take this to Milton Keynes Council.

"We're doing this sooner rather than later because Tesco will put their planning application in in late August, there are deadlines for representations at development control committee meetings and we want to put our comments forward."

Original plans for the site received strong opposition last year from protest group TESNO, who staged a funeral procession through the town to mark 'the death of the High Street', before Tesco voluntarily withdrew the application.

TESNO chairman Tom Lonergan said they are still not happy with the plans, and are planning one or two 'spectacular events' to engage residents with their cause this summer, claiming Tesco had failed to address all of the issues the application raised last year.

He said: "Whether it is 2009, 2010 or 2050 it will be rejected."



Residents inspect Tesco's plans for its Newport store

He added TESNO had gained 500 extra supporters on each of the two days for which the plans were on display.

Tony Fletcher, Tesco corporate affairs manager, said: "The feedback received so far has been very evenly balanced and much more positive than when we carried out a similar exercise in the town 12 months ago.

"Many people confirmed how important the heritage of the former Aston Martin factory was to the town and that they approved of our plans to retain and regenerate the three buildings remaining on it."

The town council wants to allow the residents to voice their opinion, so we can take this to MK Council

— Mike Barry, councillor for Newport Pagnell North

Ticket machine delays see queues grow longer at city's railway station

THE central railway station in Milton Keynes is one of the worst in the country for meeting national queue-time targets.

New research stats show more than a quarter of queue times at ticket office windows are longer than the national target, with a third of off-peak queues longer.

Thirty seven per cent of queues during the week take longer than the industry agreed standard.

And now a passenger watchdog is calling for an overhaul of ticket selling at the station.

Passenger Focus, who conducted the research, say the problems may be due to overly-confusing ticket vending machines, causing commuters to avoid or give up on them and queue at ticket offices, potentially missing their trains.

They say ticket restrictions are not clearly displayed on the machines, meaning passengers would prefer to speak to a member of staff.

Passenger Focus chief executive Anthony Smith said: "Passengers

catching a train for the first time or buying a different type of ticket from their normal one may well be defeated by ticket machines. This stress adds unnecessary pressure to buying a ticket.

"However, many passengers who buy a particular ticket often or use a familiar ticket machine may have less trouble.

"Ticket machines can present bewildering jargon, a barrage of information and choices as well as incomplete information about ticket restrictions.

"As a result some passengers would rather queue to speak to a member of staff, buy more expensive tickets than they need to or just give up and join the ticket office queue."

A spokesman for London Midland, which runs Milton Keynes Central, said: "We are now in the process of providing another ticket office window for sales, and working to increase the number of floor-walkers on hand to assist our passengers.

"In May 2010, after this research was conducted, London Midland completed the installation of two new ticket vending machines and created a bank of six machines to reduce queuing at peak times.

"We will of course monitor the impact of these changes and continue to work to improve facilities at Milton Keynes."

Elsewhere in Parliament, MP Iain Stewart raised the question of whether city train commuters would be considered in a review of the west coast main line franchising.

He said at present train users, who pay £5,000 for annual season tickets, are frustrated they do not have fair access to Virgin high-speed services at peak times, and wants to ensure this is addressed when the rail franchise is renewed in 2012.

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No date for new Coachway opening

THE wait for the new Coachway to open continues.

The old gateway to the city was closed in April 2008 to make way for a swanky new model with work due to start in September of that year and an opening date of January 2009.

But the build, on Brook Furlong at Junction 14 on the M1, only started in July last year, delayed due to a shortfall of £620,000 in the original budget.

At that time Cllr Chris Williams, then transport spokesman for the council, told MK NEWS: "I am confident that the grand opening in spring will be achieved."

Now the unveiling has been put back again, this time to the autumn.

The project, a joint venture between the council, the Homes and Communities Agency and National Express, has hit yet another snag, meaning coach

users will have to continue using the temporary station on Silbury Boulevard in Campbell Park.

A spokesman for all partners said: "The delay from the proposed spring opening has been caused by additional drainage investigation, an extended period spent resolving legal contracts and the worst winter weather conditions in 30 years."

As yet, there is no date fixed for the opening.

MK Hospital puts a quota on births

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A LIMIT on the number of babies born at Milton Keynes Hospital at any one time has been put in place.

Would-be-mums could be asked to attend another hospital should MK Hospital expect too many births in any one month.

The move follows a Care Quality Commission (CQC) report into the death of newborns at the overstretched maternity ward.

The Healthcare Commission originally made recommendations in December 2008 to address the 'immediate' need for more midwives following the death of baby, Romy Mae Feast in 2007.

Then the death of baby, Ebony Rose Comley-McCall in May 2009, due in part to there not being enough midwives, prompted the investigation by the CQC, which pointed out 'a number of areas

where sufficient progress had not been made'.

Now MK NEWS can reveal measures which could see city mums giving birth elsewhere.

In an average year 4,000 babies, around 334 a month, are born at the hospital.

The hospital says that if high numbers of women booked to deliver are forecast for one month, the mums-to-be may be contacted to offer delivery at a neighbouring hospital, but only if it is clinically safe for them to do so. So far this scenario has not arisen.

Other measures include arrangements with neighbouring hospitals, such as Northampton or Stoke Mandeville, to support women who choose to book elsewhere. Also, women who are not registered with GPs within the city boundary will not not be able to book for delivery at MK Hospital.

NHS Milton Keynes say this is to ensure they can provide a dedicated

midwife for every woman in established labour.

A spokesman said: "These plans will not change the care women will receive from community midwives before and after they have their babies, and will not affect the choices women can make in the type of delivery they experience."

"NHS Milton Keynes is working closely with Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to ensure continued safe standards of care, in the light of increasing rates of childbirth. In 2009/10 the hospital delivered nearly 4,000, about 300 of which were to women who do not live within Milton Keynes."

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said: "As a short-term measure to ensure that mothers are given a first-class service, I understand why it is being done while the maternity unit puts right the problems that have been highlighted."

Youth given six years jail for armed robbery

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy has been sentenced to six years in prison for robbery.

On Saturday March 13, he and three other youths made off with £25,000 of jewellery from George and Co in Hatton Garden, London.

One boy, 17, entered the shop dressed as a woman in a green flowery dress and held the door open for the three other robbers.

The 15-year-old from Milton Keynes, who cannot be named for legal reasons, produced a Mac 10

machine gun from his holdall, pointing it at staff and customers, while two others ransacked the shop, smashing the display cabinets with hammers.

The four fled, but the boy was arrested at his home on April 30.

He was sentenced on Friday at Blackfriars Crown Court to six years' imprisonment for robbery and three years for possession of an imitation firearm, which will run concurrently.

Two of the other youths, from

London, received six and five years, while one is as yet unidentified.

DI David Malcom of the Metropolitan Police said: "The ruthlessness of these individuals, especially given their young ages, is shocking and today's sentences indicate the danger they posed."

"The use of a Mac 10 is of great concern and I would ask anyone who has information about the weapon to contact Finchley Flying Squad on 020 8358 1751."

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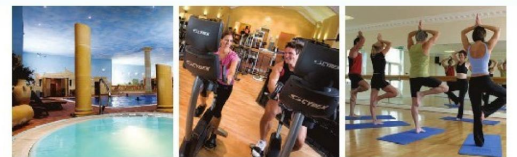
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Virgin 'bouncers' make taking train a strain

SIR – After so many complaints about buses of late can I say something good about the trains?

After several summers of commuting home in 'ovens on wheels' my trip home is now relatively pleasant by virtue of London Midland simply turning on the air-conditioning before passengers start getting on – so well done to London Midland for making travel a whole lot more bearable.

Sadly the same can't be said for Virgin Trains; the 1,000 or so commuters who alight from each peak time train arriving at Euston now frequently find themselves shoe-horned in to a single 4ft-wide walkway.

This is because Virgin have 'reserved' other walkways exclusively for their passengers.

The 'reservation' is generally made by half-a-dozen uniformed Virgin staff with the physiques of the average night club bouncer.

Unfortunately this isn't the first time I've experienced these sort of bully-boy tactics from Virgin.

In future I will use London Midland wherever possible or take the car rather than Virgin.

Richard Hughes
The Green, Loughton

Chequebook journalism

SIR – Re the story about me winning gold in the transplant games.

I just recieved my copy of MK NEWS and wanted to thank you for writing the article.

It's a great read and makes me very feel proud.

So, nice one, and I'll let you know how I get on in Dublin.

But if I win you might have to make me an offer for the story!

Jamie Lonsdale
Sent by e-mail

Town role model

SIR – Could someone please explain why Milton Keynes would deserve city status?

Strictly speaking this town is a shopping centre with numerous estates built around it.

Yes, there are a few amenities; yes, there are reputable companies offering employment and economic growth, but there are also various problem areas (eg public transport) where you would expect MK claiming to be a modern town being role model.

Name and address supplied

Listing wrong

SIR – Re 'Shopping centre makes the grade'.

This is the wrong decision to make this a listed building.

What do these people really want? They will kill shopping and business in thecentre:mk; they need to get

VAT rise equivalent to missing out on sweets

SIR – In his letter headed 'Poor judgement' in MK NEWS last week, Mr Paul Williams stated that the increase in VAT introduced in the recent emergency budget would have a 'devastating impact on those people already struggling to pay their heating bills and feed their families'.

I could not let this pass without comment.

You will recall that the previous government recently temporarily reduced VAT from 17.5 per cent to 15 per cent, restoring the higher rate from 1 January 2010.

Did anyone notice?

Can I remind Mr Williams that food and children's clothes are

zero rated and heating bills are subject to a reduced rate of five per cent VAT? This is not being changed.

Out of curiosity I recently calculated the impact that an increase in VAT would have on my weekly shopping bill.

On a typical weekly shop in one of the major supermarkets buying nothing out of the ordinary, I paid £82.53.

If the VAT were increased to 20 per cent the total I would have paid would be £82.96.

That is an increase of 43p – the price of a packet of sweets.

That is hardly 'devastating'.

Andrew Matthews
Sent by e-mail

real and live in the real world.

M Bell
Sent by e-mail

Listing right

SIR – Glad to hear the shopping centre its now a listed building.

I was shocked at what they had done to the fountain area and think it looks terrible considering how long they took to do it.

A lot of kids loved the huge pond pool and sitting alongside the occasional swans that would land.

The new area now looks awful and I, for one, will not eat there.

A lot of shoppers were shocked by the so-called improvement to this rest area.

Gail
Sent by e-mail

Cuts on on the cards

SIR – Re NHS cuts – it's been on the cards.

Weren't big cuts facing the city NHS to be expected?

With too many people here now the resources, not only the NHS, are unable to cope.

We have known it for years, but being denied freedom of speech, people who have been badly affected by the situation have been afraid to speak out.

Now we all lose out with drastic necessary adjustments to the services – services to which people have contributed all their working lives.

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Every Tesco helps

SIR – What a great job Tesco has done with its latest plans for a store

Big up for the Prodigy – bar one

SIR – Re The Prodigy. One of the best shows I have ever been to, everyone on the bill was fantastic.

I got there at 7am and Keith and Maxim came and met us passing us free drinks and giving my mate a free ticket, what great guys.

James
Sent by e-mail

■ **SIR** – Simply the best night of my life!

The Prodigy smashed it. Big up all the warriors Saturday night!

Jamie O'Brien
Sent by e-mail

■ **SIR** – You might expect that they'd know how to run a bar at the Bowl by now.

By far the worst organised mess in all my concert experiences.

Rob
Sent by e-mail

■ **SIR** – I'm 43 and have been a fan of the Prodigy since day one.

Saturday's gig was phenomenal. Loads of my generation there, but neck and calves still sore from bouncing around!

Richard Salmon
Sent by e-mail

Must someone take the blame for accidents?

SIR – Mr Green (Letters, MK News last week) makes the same error that too many make.

He assumes that as well as bikes, prams will be stored in the communal area.

Again what are the facts?

There are three pram users (at most) in the block, and none of them park their prams down there.

Of the two others, besides myself, one is a car owner and he parks his motor in the space underneath outside.

So in practice there never is any blockage of the communal area, except when deliveries or removals are made, and then only for a short time.

The 1974 Act specified 'as far as is reasonably practical' – it never envisaged trying to make the whole world in which we live, move, and have our being absolutely accident-free. Short of getting rid of freedom altogether that is an absolute impossibility.

Unfortunately, there has slipped into our pattern of thinking the idea that 'accidents don't happen, they are caused', which means that someone has to take the blame somehow.

This has led to the unhealthy 'claim culture', and I do not need to say who really profits from the 'no win, no fee' system we have been lumbered with.

Barry Gowland
Penryn Avenue, Fishermead

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Skateboard action at The Buszy

BBC Radio One DJ at Buszy opening

RADIO One star Jo Whiley is backing a youth project which has transformed the city's old bus station.

Friday sees the launch of The Buszy, the regeneration project which has turned the centre into a modern youth and community area.

The project has come about as a result of £500,000 funding from V, the national youth volunteering service, and the SITA Trust, local community interest company Make a Difference will give the space a much needed new lease of life.

The site will host a new state of the art performance and gig venue, dance studio, recording and rehearsal studio, the city's first independent boutique cinema, urban garden and café, office space, meeting and conference suites and improvements to the

Jo Whiley is set to join the fun at the opening of The Buszy



existing world-class skate park.

All of which have been designed through consultation with young volunteers from across Milton Keynes.

Danny Quinn, arts and culture manager for Make a Difference said: "This is by far one of the most exciting things to happen to our city. Over the years we have engaged with thousands of young people in positive activities and regenerating the bus station into this exciting new venue is a fantastic opportunity for everyone.

There is nothing else like it in the city. We are ecstatic to have secured this funding and look forward to sharing the space with the community of Milton Keynes.

"The launch event is going to be something that shouldn't be missed. We are delighted and honoured that Jo Whiley is going to be joining us on the day."

The launch event is open to the public for free from 12pm and will include a skate jam, street dance battle, graffiti, DJ, film and trash-ion sessions.

Jo Whiley will also be in attendance to see the site and checkout the activities happening on the day as well as meeting the young volunteers who have driven the project forward with support from Make a Difference.

■ For more information on the Buszy and Make a Difference visit www.mad-uk.org



Bletchley man Clive Stephens

Missing man's body is found

THE body of a missing Bletchley man has been found near the Blue Lagoon.

Clive Stephens, 47, of Cambridge Street, was last seen at the nature reserve on Drayton Road on Friday July 16, and reported missing the next day.

Police launched an appeal to find Clive, but his body was found a week later at 6.30pm on Friday.

A post mortem exam carried out on Saturday determined the death was not suspicious, but the cause is not known. It is thought his body had been at the scene for the week.

An investigation into his unexplained death is now under way.

Randoms Acts Of Kindness kids win top national award

YOUNGSTERS campaigning to eradicate bullying in the city have won a national award for their efforts.

Young people aged between seven and 21 involved in Random Acts Of Kindness, where unsuspecting members of the public are handed freebies including hugs and bunches of flowers, have been awarded Best Publicity Campaign by a Youth Group in the Positive Images Awards.

The group beat off competition from more than 80 other projects UK-wide to win the award, presented by Children and Young People Now.

The initiative is supported by anti-bullying hero Alex Holmes, 22, who has worked tirelessly in the city for years to spread his message.

He said: "The young people were fed up with the negative images they received.

"We decided to do something positive to show that young people

can make a difference and contribute to the community.

"The campaign is about supporting positive vibes, and doing something that really makes people smile."

Alex, from Stony Stratford, has been working with young people in Milton Keynes for several years and has even received support and recognition from then PM Gordon Brown for his efforts.

He will be taking his message to London at the end of August by joining Chelsea Academy as a head of house, and had a leaving do last Wednesday with his young peers to celebrate his work in MK.

He said: "The young people of Milton Keynes who I have worked with are my inspiration, and without them I wouldn't be where I am today.

"I will miss them all, particularly The Radcliffe School students and staff who have all helped me develop into the person I am today."

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Time for tea? 1,000s took up the invitation to join The World Picnic in Campbell Park

World Picnic in the park

THE IF festival ended on a high on Sunday as thousands of people took part in The World Picnic at Campbell Park.

The annual event organised by The Parks Trust took on an additional meaning this year as it played host to several acts from the hugely successful festival which was ending its ten day run.

The sun shone as some of the best local cross-cultural music and dance talent entertained the crowds on the outdoor amphitheatre stage.

Carnival arts company Festive Road were among those performing. A dancing tea set and a giant boiling kettle performed 'Brewing Up' in homage to the nation's obsession with tea drinking.

■ For more pictures see www.mk-news.co.uk



Parking changes set for go-ahead

SWEEPING changes to car parking in the city centre were set to be agreed last night.

As previously reported by this newspaper, the axing of 3,782 free parking spaces on North and South Row was part of the proposals, as well as extending premium rate parking to 981 extra spaces.

And, despite concerns from shoppers and retailers, the changes will be implemented on January 31, 2011 if passed, raising a potential £3million per year.

The changes were discussed at Milton Keynes Council's cabinet meeting.

The council says the extra income will be injected into the

provision of public transport.

Other proposals on the table included abolishing free weekend parking in some blocks, increasing the cost of long-stay parking to £8 per day and increasing the cost of the hotel and conference scratch card to £5.

Green travel is also being encouraged with the introduction of a parking permit for low emission vehicles, and the provision of 250 electric car charging points.

The cost of implementing the scheme will be more than £800,000.

Cabinet member for transport Vanessa McPake said: "I welcome the proposals and support the

implementation of these by 31 January 2011, thus allowing people to plan for any changes that may affect them or consider whether they can use an alternative mode of transport for some or all of their travel. Implementing post the busy Christmas/New Year sale period will also prevent any confusion and potential disruption during this traditionally busy time for CMK."

The meeting yesterday was the latest in a string of debates on the matter since the proposals were first announced in mid-2008.

■ To find out what the cabinet decided log on to www.mk-news.co.uk

Super-fast broadband trial in city

BT has selected the city to trial a new super-fast broadband technology.

Homes and businesses in Bradwell Abbey have been chosen for the trial, due to start this week, which will see the delivery of internet speeds of up to 100 megabits per second.

If successful, BT hopes to deliver these super-fast speeds to 10million premises by 2012.

The technology, called fibre-to-

the-premise or FTTP, involves running fibre-optic cable from an exchange directly to the customer's premises, and could eventually deliver Internet download speeds of up to 1,000 megabits per second.

Bradwell Abbey was chosen as it is a 'brownfield' site - an area where copper services are already provided directly to premises.

Cllr David Hopkins, chairman

of the overview and scrutiny committee, will tonight bring the issue of broadband provision in the city to a meeting of the partnership and growth select committee.

He said: "Ensuring Milton Keynes has access to fast, reliable and affordable broadband services is high on the list of council priorities as it takes on the mantle of managing the economic development of the city."

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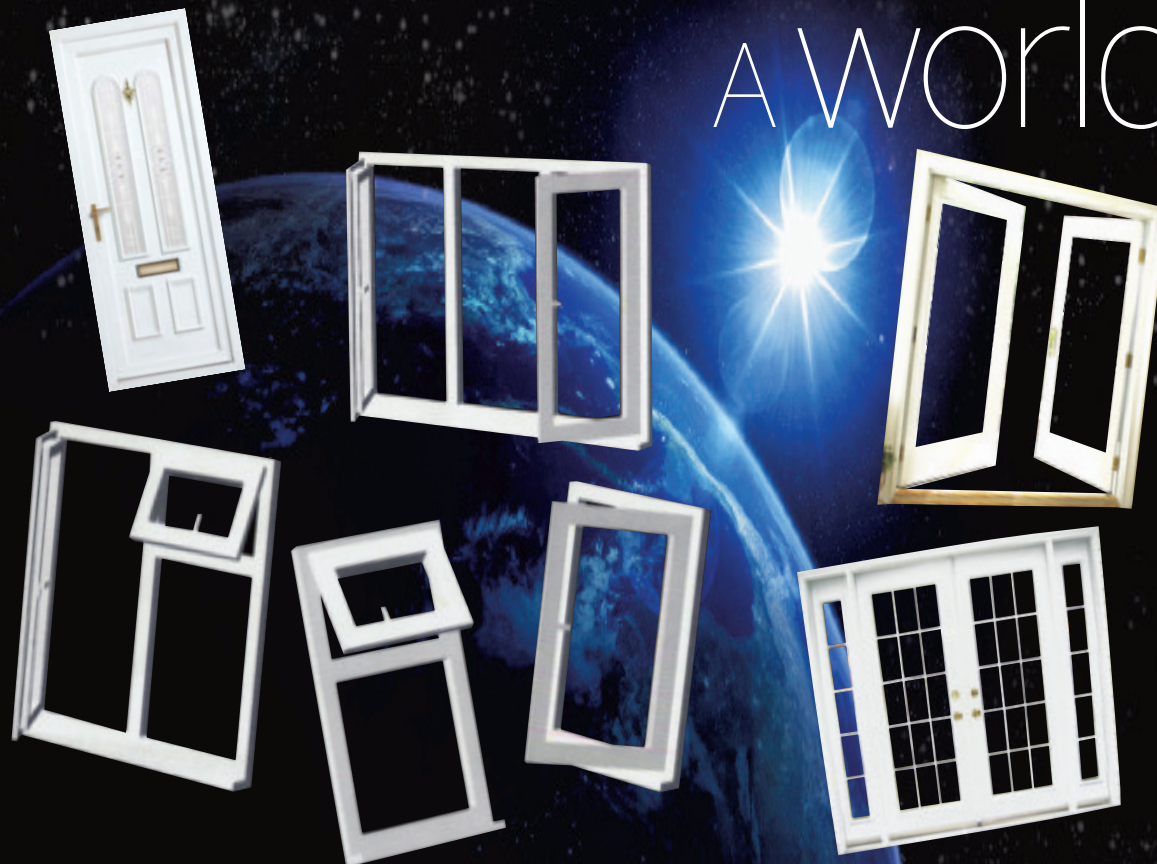
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Esperanto – parol la lingvo de amo al paro

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Their first encounter was at a conference in Amsterdam for young speakers and they hit it off immediately, conversing the only way they could until their marriage in 1966 and beyond.

It was even the first language their two children learnt, and Anica only began to speak English in the early 70s.

The couple, now both 70, from Great Holm, still attend worldwide conferences to meet like-minded speakers, and returned on Sunday from their latest excursion to Cuba, where they also celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

Retired teacher Terry said: "When we first met we didn't have another working language in common."



Common language: Anica and Terry Page could only speak to each other in Esperanto when they first met

"It took us two years to work out how we could get married.

"Our children spoke Esperanto as their first language as it was the only way we could converse as a family at the time that they were born.

"Even now we mix languages a bit, depending on the topic, and sometimes just to raise curiosity on the train."

July 26 is the anniversary of Esperanto's first publication in 1887, and Monday was widely considered to be 'Esperanto Day'.

Only an estimated two million people worldwide speak the language, even though it is said to be five times quicker to learn than any other foreign tongue.

■ To translate anything into Esperanto, see www.traduku.net

Thieves target drain covers for scrap value

THIEVES have stolen more than 80 drain covers from roads across the city.

The drain covers, costing thousands of pounds, were stolen on the weekend of July 17 and 18.

The thefts first came to light on Friday when three covers in Woughton Park, four in Woughton on the Green, and four in Dane Road, Bletchley were removed.

These were followed over the weekend with drains being stolen from Simpson, Anderson Gate, Steinbeck Crescent, Rooksley, Harding Road and Pendeen Crescent

Vanessa McPake, cabinet member responsible for transport, said: "We have to catch these blighters as soon as possible and really want help from the public.

"The missing covers could cause a very serious accident, especially to a cyclist who may not spot the hole and their wheel gets trapped."

The drains will cost more than £8,000 to replace.

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 18-24 ☐ 55-64 ☐
 25-34 ☐ 65+ ☐
 35-44 ☐

3. Please tell us the occupation of the main wage earner in the household?

4. What is your home postcode?

5. Which of these statements BEST apply to your current situation?

Living at home with my parents ☐
 Left parents home and live alone in shared accommodation ☐
 Children in household, most are pre-school age ☐
 Children in household, most are of school age ☐
 Children in household, most are beyond school age ☐
 Children have all left home, live with partner alone ☐
 Live with my son or daughter in their home ☐

6. On average how often do you read the printed version of the MK News?

Every week ☐
 2-3 times a month ☐
 Once a month ☐
 Less often ☐
 Never ☐

7. Compared to 12 months ago, would you say that you read the MK News...?

More often ☐ Go to Q9
 About the same ☐ Go to Q9
 Less often ☐

8. What is the MAIN reason why you are now reading the paper LESS often?

I have less time ☐
 It no longer suits my lifestyle ☐
 I am getting my news online ☐
 I am getting my news from elsewhere (state where below) ☐
 Other ☐
 (please write in below)

9. Which of the following other newspapers have you read in the last week? (Tick as many as apply)

Other local newspaper ☐
 (which ones - write in below)

National newspaper ☐
 (which ones - write in below)

National Sunday paper ☐
 (which ones - write in below)

10. Are you aware of the MK News website - www.mk-news.co.uk?

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. Are you aware of the website - www.mkweb.co.uk?

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. When did you last visit these sites?

Today ☐ mk-news.co.uk ☐ mkweb.co.uk ☐
 In last 7 days ☐ ☐
 In last 2 weeks ☐ ☐
 In last month ☐ ☐
 In last 6 months ☐ ☐
 In last 12 months ☐ ☐
 Longer ago ☐ ☐
 Never visited ☐ ☐
 If you have never visited both sites - go to Q17

12. How frequently would you say you access these sites

Most days ☐ mk-news.co.uk ☐ mkweb.co.uk ☐
 At least once a week ☐ ☐
 At least once a month ☐ ☐
 Less often ☐ ☐
 Never ☐ ☐

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13. Specifically, what information do you use these sites for? (Tick as many as apply)

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
News	☐	☐
Sport	☐	☐
Community Information	☐	☐
Business	☐	☐
Entertainment	☐	☐
Lifestyle	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐
Property	☐	☐
Motors	☐	☐
Classifieds	☐	☐
Competitions	☐	☐
None of these	☐	☐
Other (please state)	☐	☐

14. Typically, what time of day are you most likely to visit these sites?

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
Before 9am	☐	☐
Between 9am and 12pm	☐	☐
Between 12pm and 5pm	☐	☐
Between 5pm and 7pm	☐	☐
After 7pm	☐	☐
Anytime of day	☐	☐
It varies from day to day	☐	☐

15. Please explain why you are most likely to visit these sites at this time of day?

www.mk-news.co.uk

www.mkweb.co.uk

16. Where are you most likely to access these sites from?

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
At home	☐	☐
Via my mobile phone	☐	☐
At work	☐	☐
None of these	☐	☐
Other (please state)	☐	☐

17. Which of the following changes to the website would encourage you to visit these sites (at all, or more often) (tick as many as apply)

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
More local news content from my immediate neighbourhood	☐	☐
More regional news content	☐	☐
More national and international news content	☐	☐
More local sport content	☐	☐
More magazine type content (Lifestyle, Entertainment etc.)	☐	☐
Different website layout/style	☐	☐
More video news bulletins	☐	☐
Better/more access to web	☐	☐
Other (please state below)	☐	☐

18. Which of the following other websites have you visited in the last week? (tick as many as apply)

BBC	☐	Guardian	☐
www.bbc.co.uk	☐	www.guardian.co.uk	☐
ITV	☐	Financial Times	☐
www.itv.com	☐	www.ft.com	☐
Sky	☐	The Times	☐
www.sky.com	☐	www.thetimes.co.uk	☐
Daily Express	☐	Daily Mirror	☐
www.express.co.uk	☐	www.mirror.co.uk	☐
Daily Mail	☐	Sun	☐
www.dailymail.co.uk	☐	www.thesun.co.uk	☐
Independent	☐	Daily Star	☐
www.independent.co.uk	☐	www.dailystar.co.uk	☐
Daily Telegraph	☐	None of these	☐
www.telegraph.co.uk	☐		

19. Are there any other websites, specifically local ones that you visit on a regular basis to access news and information?

20. Thinking about how you use the web, have you ever responded to or clicked through an advert that you have seen on a website?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Go to Q24

21. Did the advert contain a special offer or discount voucher?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Go to Q23

22. Thinking about the most recent advert you clicked on, which site was it on, what was the advert for and what was the nature of the special offer/discount (if applicable)?

Site:

Advert:

Special Offer/Discount:

23. Did you make a transaction as a result?

Yes ☐ No ☐

24. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all interested and 4 is would purchase, how interested would you be in purchasing the following goods and services via www.mk-news.co.uk?

	1	2	3	4
Holidays	☐	☐	☐	☐
Books	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clothes and fashion	☐	☐	☐	☐
Insurance and financial products	☐	☐	☐	☐
Electrical goods	☐	☐	☐	☐
Events and sporting tickets	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wine	☐	☐	☐	☐

25. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all interested and 4 is would purchase, how interested would you be in purchasing the following goods and services via www.mk-web.co.uk?

	1	2	3	4
Holidays	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Electrical goods	☐	☐	☐	☐
Events and sporting tickets	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wine	☐	☐	☐	☐

26. Is there anything else you would be particularly interested in buying via www.mk-news.co.uk and/or www.mkweb.co.uk?

27. Which of the following social networking sites are you aware of and which do you use on a regular basis?

	Aware of	Regular User
Bebo	☐	☐
Facebook	☐	☐
MySpace	☐	☐
Twitter	☐	☐
LinkedIn	☐	☐
You Tube	☐	☐

28. Are there any other social networking sites that you visit on a regular basis?

29. Have you ever been referred to a news and information website through one of these social media sites?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Go to Q31

30. If yes, which site did you access and what was the content about?

Website:

Content:

31. Would you be willing to access news and information via these social networking sites?

Yes ☐ No ☐

32. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all important and 4 is essential, how important is it that you are able to comment and feedback on articles on www.mk-news.co.uk through?

	1	2	3	4
Message boards and forums	☐	☐	☐	☐
Email to the editor	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commenting on specific articles	☐	☐	☐	☐

33. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all important and 4 is essential, how important is it that you are able to comment and feedback on articles on www.mkweb.co.uk through?

	1	2	3	4
Message boards and forums	☐	☐	☐	☐
Email to the editor	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commenting on specific articles	☐	☐	☐	☐

34. Where do you typically turn to first if you want to access the following information? (tick one for each subject)

1=MK News
2= Other Newspaper
3= www.mk-news.co.uk
4= www.mkweb.co.uk
5= Other website
6=Elsewhere

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Local news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community news & information	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Business & professional services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Celebrity entertainment news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fashion and Shopping	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Property	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Education	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Holidays and Travel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
What's On/ Restaurants / Eating out	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

35. Thinking about these topics, in an average week, how long in minutes would you typically spend reading about them in print and on-line?

	In-print	Online
Local news		
National news		
Local sport		
National sport		
Community news and information		
Business and Professional Services		
What's On/Entertainment/ Eating Out		
Fashion and Shopping		
Property		
Motors		
Jobs		
Education		
Holidays and Travel		

36. Thinking specifically about the MK News, how would you rate coverage of the following on a scale where 1 is very poor and 5 is excellent?

	1	2	3	4	5	Don't know
Local news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community news & information	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Business and Professional Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Entertainment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fashion and Shopping	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Property	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Education	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Holidays and Travel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
What's On	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

37. Thinking specifically about www.mk-news.co.uk, how would you rate coverage of the following?

	1	2	3	4	5	Don't know
Local news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community news & information	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Business and Professional Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Holidays and Travel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
What's On	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

38. Thinking specifically about www.mkweb.co.uk, how would you rate coverage of the following?

	1	2	3	4	5	Don't know
Local news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National news	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National sport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community news & information	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Business and Professional Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Entertainment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fashion and Shopping	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Property	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Education	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Holidays and Travel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
What's On	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

39. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all important and 4 is essential, how important is it that these sites provide news and information content in the following formats?

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
Video news summaries	☐	☐
Video footage embedded within stories	☐	☐
Lunchtime bulletins	☐	☐
E-alerts of topics you are interested in	☐	☐
Electronic edition of printed newspaper	☐	☐

40. If these sites became paid for sites, how likely would you be to pay to access it?

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
Would not pay	☐	☐
Unlikely	☐	☐
Possibly	☐	☐
Quite likely	☐	☐
Would be prepared to pay for the right content	☐	☐

41. How much do you think you would be willing to pay per month?

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
Nothing (I would expect it to be free)	☐	☐
Less than £1 per month	☐	☐
£1-£2 per month	☐	☐
More than £2 per month	☐	☐

42. Specifically, what information on these sites would you be willing to pay for? (tick as many as apply)

	mk-news.co.uk	mkweb.co.uk
Local news	☐	☐
National news	☐	☐
Local sport	☐	☐
National sport	☐	☐
Community news and information	☐	☐
Business and Professional Services	☐	☐
What's On/Entertainment/ Eating Out	☐	☐
Fashion and Shopping	☐	☐
Property	☐	☐
Motors	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐
Education	☐	☐
Holidays and Travel	☐	☐
All of the above	☐	☐
None of these	☐	☐
Other (please state)	☐	☐

43. If content became paid for, what do you think would be the most likely impact on your use of www.mk-news.co.uk? (tick one only)

I would stop using the website	☐
I would use the website a lot less	☐
I would use the website a little less	☐
I would stop using the website and buy the MK News more	☐
I would use the website less and buy the MK News more	☐
I would continue using the website and buying the newspaper as I do now	☐
I would stop using the website and stop buying the MK News	☐

44. If content became paid for, what do you think would be the most likely impact on your use of www.mkweb.co.uk? (tick one only)

I would stop using the website	☐
I would use the website a lot less	☐
I would use the website a little less	☐
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I would use the website less and buy the MK News more	☐
I would continue using the website and buying the newspaper as I do now	☐
I would stop using the website and stop buying the MK News	☐

45. Do you currently own a Smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Blackberry, Android etc.) or iPad?

Yes ☐ Go to Q47
No ☐

46. Do you plan to buy one in the next 6-12 months?

Yes ☐
No ☐ Go to Q52

47. Have you downloaded any Apps for your Smartphone?

Yes ☐ No ☐

48. Have you downloaded any newspaper Apps for this Smartphone?

Yes ☐ No ☐

49. Which ones have you downloaded?

50. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is not at all interested and 4 is would purchase, how interested would you be in an App for your Smartphone that provided the following news and information about your local area?

	1	2	3	4
Local news and sport (the latest headlines direct to your phone every day)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Entertainment and eating out (news on local events and restaurant reviews)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fashion and shopping (the latest trends and offers on the high street)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jobs (job alerts matching your specific profile)	☐	☐	☐	☐

51. How much do you think you would be willing to pay per month for an App for your Smartphone that provided the following news and information about your local area?

Local news and sport

Under £1 ☐ £1-£2 ☐ Over £2 ☐ Would not pay ☐

Entertainment and eating out

Under £1 ☐ £1-£2 ☐ Over £2 ☐ Would not pay ☐

Fashion and shopping

Under £1 ☐ £1-£2 ☐ Over £2 ☐ Would not pay ☐

Jobs

Under £1 ☐ £1-£2 ☐ Over £2 ☐ Would not pay ☐

To enable us to enter you for the prize draw, please complete your contact details below.

52. Would you like to be entered into the prize draw?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name

Contact telephone number

e-mail address

Address

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53. Would you be prepared to assist MK News in any further research about the newspaper and website?

Yes ☐ No ☐

IMPORTANT: Please ensure your contact details are entered above otherwise we cannot enter you for the draw

We may also wish to contact you from time to time with communication from the newspaper e.g. news of events, special offers etc. If you do not wish us to contact you at some point in the future, please tick this box ☐

Work set to start on Network Rail centre

WORK on the Network Rail's new National Centre will start next month after the build contract was awarded to BAM Construction.

The 400,000 sq ft building, on the site of the former National Hockey Stadium, will house 3,000 employees.

With hundreds already employed at the current offices near the central station, Network Rail are hoping more local jobs will be created as the majority of their operations are centralised in the city.

The build will also have the

environment in mind, by recycling salvaged materials from the National Hockey Stadium, and including 'living roofs' which will encourage diverse habitats for flora and fauna in the centre of the city.

Network Rail's chief executive Iain Coucher said: "We recognise the importance of urban planning to the history of Milton Keynes and the way the city has been designed.

"Our building will be one of which both the city and Network Rail can be proud."

Right: An artist's impression of the new building



Mayor to open multi-storey car park

THE mayor is gearing up to open a new multi-storey car park.

Cllr Debbie Brock, will perform the official opening of the new building at Bletchley Leisure Centre next month.

The car park, built as part of the Building a Better Bletchley regeneration programme, has 177 free parking spaces as well as 80 short stay (4 hours maxi-

mum stay) and 80 long stay (12 hours maximum) bays. It also has 11 disabled parking bays and six mothers and toddlers spaces.

MKC Leisure boss Paul Sanders said: "This puts the finishing touches to what has been a very exciting development for Bletchley and the whole of Milton Keynes.

"This car park will provide

more than 177 new parking spaces, not just for people using the leisure centre, but for those living in or visiting Bletchley."

The official opening will take place on Monday, August 2 at 10.30am.

The car park also has a wide range of security features including; shutters on the entrance and exit - ensuring it

is not accessible to pedestrians or vehicles when closed; - Allowing the car park to be monitored 24-7 CCTV monitoring.

All areas will be well lit to improve security within the car park and its external walkways.

The Leisure Centre won an award earlier in the year for its modern, eco-friendly design.

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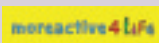
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LIFE'S a beach at thecentre:mk.

Once again this summer thecentre:mk has transformed Middleton Hall into an indoor beach.

Until August 31 children of all ages will be able to enjoy life at the beach, whatever the weather.

Also throughout the period there will be weekly children's discos and sports events co-ordinated by MK Dons and Sports Leaders.

MK NEWS is a media partner for the beach.

This year over 140 tons of sand

has been shipped in to Middleton Hall to create the indoor beach, for children to play on while the adults relax in deckchairs.

There will also be a lighthouse helter skelter, swing boats, a crazy golf course, a carousel, 30ft-high coconut trees to climb and weekly sandcastle competitions.

Until August 24 between 6.30-8pm each Tuesday evening, thecentre:mk will be hosting beach parties for 8-12 year olds.

While on Thursday, July 29 and

Thursday, August 12, MK Dons Sports Education Trust will be hosting football skills sessions and friendly matches in Middleton Hall from 5-7pm.

Supporting these two initiatives on Thursday, August 19 and Thursday August 26 sports leaders will be hosting net games evenings, featuring beach badminton, volleyball and tennis.

■ For more information on the beach visit

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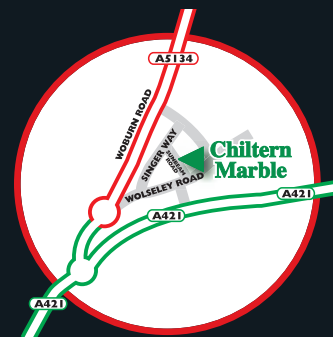
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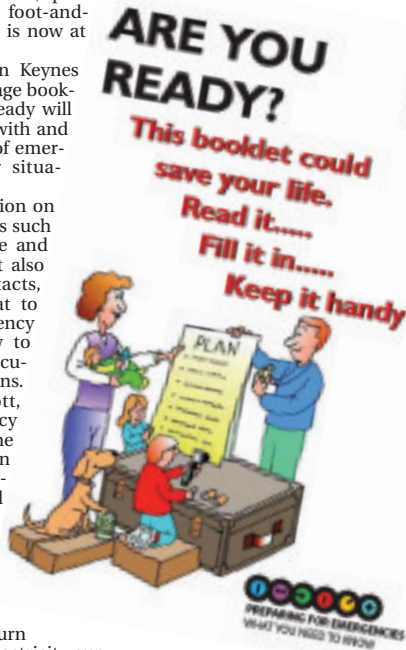
IF you ever have to deal with floods, severe snowfall, pandemic influenza or foot-and-mouth disease, help is now at hand.

Released by Milton Keynes Council, a new 25-page booklet called *Are You Ready* will help residents deal with and respond to a range of emergency and disaster situations.

Providing information on how to face scenarios such as fire, power failure and security incidents, it also offers useful contacts, suggestions for what to include in an emergency 'grab-bag' and how to protect valuable documents and possessions.

Malcolm Boscott, senior emergency planning officer at the council said: "In an emergency, a pre-prepared plan will help you take decisions quickly."

"For example, do you and your family have an agreed place to meet; do you know how to turn off water, gas and electricity sup-



plies in your home; do you have a contingency plan for meeting children from school or looking after pets; do you know the frequency of your local radio station; are you aware of which vulnerable or elderly neighbours may need assistance?"

Cllr Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for emergency planning, said: "We have a duty to inform the public about what to do in an emergency."

"This booklet achieves that, but also allows people to take responsibility for protecting their home, loved ones and belongings."

"In producing this booklet, we have used learning from a lot of recent situations in the Thames Valley and elsewhere and taken advice from experts in their field."

"Some of the advice may seem obvious, but it will help in the possible confusion of a real crisis, and allow people to feel more secure in dealing with it."

■ The booklets are available in all Milton Keynes libraries, the Civic Offices and local housing offices, or online at www.thamesvalleylrf.org.uk

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Colourful attractions at canalside festival

THERE is fun to be had down by the canal this weekend.

Tiddenfoot Waterside Park plays host to Leighton-Linslade Town Council's annual canal festival on Saturday.

The event at Tiddenfoot Waterside Park, Linslade is free and runs from 11am to 5pm.

Now in its eighth year it continues to offer plenty of entertainment and attractions for visitors of all ages.

As well as conservation and heritage attractions, the festival promotes canal art and crafts and visitors can see for themselves first hand demonstrations of rural crafts such as bee skep making, besom brooms making, basket weaving and love spoon making.

Over 90 exhibitors will be selling a vast range of products from jewellery to hand painted canalware, plants to wooden gifts and hand-made cards to Teddy bears.

Children's entertainment will include Mr Topple's Punch & Judy Show, Rose's Old Time Amusements and face painting.

Entertainment takes place in the main arena throughout the day and starts with songs by Andy Collier from his award winning show Once the Cut.

Cairo Cats will perform a belly dance, and The Drum Circle will entertain and provide visitors the



Boats at last year's Leighton-Linslade Town Council's annual canal festival

opportunity to learn to play a rhythm on a drum.

The festival welcomes local folk group Beats Working who will perform the final spot of the programme with a lively mix of traditional and contemporary folk, roots and acoustic music.

Cyclists will be able to take part in activities organised by BuzzCycling and the Old FARTS (Friends and Relatives Tractor Society) will again provide a display of up to a dozen vintage tractors all still working and attending the festival under their own steam.

The very popular local Birds of Bray, sponsored by Ark House Veterinary Surgery can be found

in their usual shady spot down in the Poplars.

Pleasure boat trips along the canal run throughout the day and provide visitors the opportunity to enjoy the canal and its local environment.

The large number of working, pleasure and trade narrow boats that attend are always a colourful attraction and visitors can now access the towpath via the permanent footbridge which crosses the canal from the park. Refreshments will be available all day.

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Rotary Club Bernard's one man food mountain mission

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Vice president Bernard Cornwell accepted the massive amount of stock from a local retailer following a refit and took it upon himself to personally deliver all of the food by lorry.

He said: "It was quite a different situation from being retired – it was like going back to work again."

"The deliveries took about 10 days all together, so it was quite hard work."

"It was very rewarding, because the feedback we got from all the charities was excellent."

The Food Bank, which delivers food parcels to those in a short-term crisis, also benefited from a surprise delivery.

Sue Hall was just writing a press release to appeal for donations for the charity when Bernard turned up on her doorstep in his lorry.

She said: "That morning we had one tin of baked beans on the shelf, so we were desperate. We received two lorry loads of food. It was an amazing influx of food at a time when we really needed it."



Lorry loads of goodies: Bernard Cornwell supervises loading

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Numbers double at MK Academy

THE city's newest sixth form centre has proved a big hit with a dramatic increase in numbers.

In its first year, 97 teenagers studied in Studio 6 at The Milton Keynes Academy, but already 186 students have enrolled for September 2010, with the number expected to rise to more than 200.

Head of Studio 6 Sarah Forster said: "Young people know that they have to do so

much more to succeed in today's harsh economic climate, so an increasing number are continuing their studies rather than leaving school at 16.

Miss Forster believes that the competitiveness for university and work places means a high number of the students will also opt to re-take GCSE Maths and English GCSEs alongside their sixth form studies.

The most popular A-level

choices for academy sixth form entrants this September are psychology, English and sociology, while BTEC forensic science and the creative and media diploma and the business, admin and finance diploma are the most popular vocational courses.

Miss Forster believes that new initiatives introduced for Studio 6 students have helped its popularity. "We do things differently here, - we reward students with shopping and cinema vouchers and they have help from full-time teaching assistants."

For more details about Studio 6 call Monika O'Neill on MK 341791. Studio 6 will be open on GCSE results day on 24 August from 1-4pm.



Student Roxanne Flaherty, who wants to be a pilot, has been studying AS physics and maths plus level 3 BTEC sport and leisure

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and 'Best Trick'.

Prizes are being supplied by Burgess Pet Care and the Best in Show Cup sponsored by Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council.

The event takes place on Sunday at the Victoria Street/Stacey Avenue Park, Wolverton starting at 11am.

As well as the dog show, there are stalls, refreshments and children's activities run by MK Play Association.

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Business bosses get to question city MPs

CHAMBER of Commerce members got the chance to grill the city's MPs over lunch. The event was organised by the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce on Friday.

The lunch at the Ramada Encore brought together more than 50 chamber members and Milton Keynes North and South MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart, for an informal question and answer session.

Mr Stewart began the proceedings by giving an overview of his first few months in Parliament including his recent election as a member of the Transport Select Committee.

Then, after the three-course lunch, guests were able to put their own questions to both



Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart

MPs.

The topics ranged from the impending public sector spending cuts, renewable energy sources, voluntary sector investment, transport links

for the city, the prospect of a local income tax and the localism agenda and how that could impact on economic investment and development within Milton Keynes.

Mark Lancaster talked about the localism agenda issue by pointing out his continued call for 'infrastructure before expansion' and the potential for working more closely with our near neighbours in South Northamptonshire and Mid-Bedfordshire on the expansion and development opportunities available to the region, which had not been possible before because of the previous rigid regional structure.

Rita Spada, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "The business community has a vital role to play in the expansion and future prosperity of our city over the next ten years and beyond, and getting their views across to the MPs enables the community's views to be heard and, hopefully, acted upon."

Call for volunteers as charity shop opens in Bletchley

A NEW Keech Hospice care service shop is opening in Bletchley.

The shop will be based at 170 Queensway and join the charity's 15 other shops across Beds and Hertfordshire.

Philip Kojcinovic, the charity's

head of retail said: "This is our first shop in the Milton Keynes area and we are really excited about opening on such a popular shoppers' route here in Queensway. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new customers as well as receiving

donations of clothing, accessories, books, DVDs and so on from local people. We also need volunteers to help us run the shop."

The shop will be open Monday-Saturday, from 9am-5pm, selling donated items as

well as new greetings cards, wrapping paper, ornaments and gifts sets.

If you would like to volunteer at the Keech Hospice Care Services Shop in Bletchley contact shop manager, Jean Stewart on 01908 370836.

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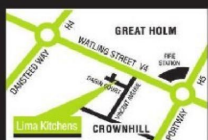


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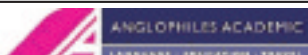


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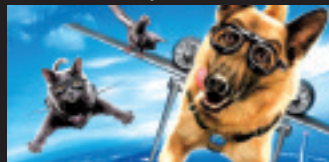
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SIMON DARNELL

ONE

Sky Ferreira
 You know how TV shows sometimes use the sound of a needle scratching a record to depict a sudden change in mood?

Here's how it goes, the protagonist is having a wonderful day and feels as though he (or indeed she) can take on the world and then someone helpfully points out that he (or indeed she) is still in their prison uniform just as the board of directors/protagonist's family/both turn up.

That's when you get a close up of their face, emphasised by the previously happy background music being rudely interrupted by a record scratch.

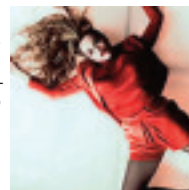
See, a lot of kids today probably don't know what a record is, let alone that unlike a CD it has music on BOTH sides, but the record scratch is an iconic sound.

Well, kids of today, do you know what happens if the needle doesn't jump across the record?

I'll tell you.

It plays normally.

Yeah, I know, big wow. However, on occasion the needle can get stuck,



and when that happens you hear the same second or two of music over and over again until you either move the needle along to the next bit or hurl the damned thing out of the window in frustration.

Your choice.

This is a song that pays tribute to those times when the needle used to get stuck... I think.

I hope it is, because it's a hell of an annoying song if it isn't.

First of all, here are the numbers. The song lasts for two minutes and fifty-five seconds. She says the word 'one' fifty-five times at an average of one 'one' every 3.18 seconds.

Doesn't quite come up to the standard set by Depeche Mode last year, I'm afraid (they sang 'wrong' 68 times), but her repetitions are more annoying because they're so relentless.

She can barely string two lines together before repeating a word over and over again, and that's a shame because the tune itself is actually alright.

It's a bit twee and tinkly, but the first time she says the title, she then repeats it SEVENTEEN TIMES in quick succession. One 'one' after the other.

I hope there isn't an extended remix of this because I really don't think I could handle that.

So there you have it; this would've been OK, but the gimmick ruins it.

XSCAPE X:FEST



Loads of summer fun on offer for free at Xscape

THIS summer, Xscape Milton Keynes is pegging out the tents and throwing up the stages as X:Fest 2010 hits the city.

There will be top live entertainment, extreme sports events, festival screenings and more --and it's all free.

Until August 22, X:Fest is hosting a half pipe skate ramp outside on the front piazza. Complete with free skate workshops and tutorials from Monday to Friday, and live DJ events at the Skate Jam on July 31 this attraction is open to everyone from novices and grinding pros.

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Installation called 'Another Ring of Balls' - part of The THE THING IS (For3) exhibition



FAMILY EVENING AT MK GALLERY

Friday, August 6.
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MILTON Keynes Gallery is holding a special summer evening of art, music, food and family participation.

This event is free and all ages are welcome, although children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

The gallery is partnering with several other local arts organisations to deliver the event which will include body percussion, costume creations, ballet workshops, piano playing, balloons and an area for toddlers to get creative. As if that weren't enough, complimentary snack food and soft drinks will be provided, and live bands will be playing in Margaret Powell

Square, including David Goo. Milton Keynes Gallery has a history of presenting popular and award-winning Family Days every May and October.

Emma Fry, MK Gallery's new Head of Education said: "This summer, we wanted to try something a bit different. Instead of our usual separate summer workshops for children in different age ranges we decided we'd present one, much larger, free event, which we hope many more people in the community can participate in."

The evening's activities have thematic links with the Gallery's current exhibition, THE THE THING IS (FOR 3), which continues until 12 September 2010. The exhibition includes a fully functioning band kit and a grand piano that visitors are allowed to play.

MK LIBRARIES

Summertime library events for children

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Watch this Space. Bletchley Library. Story time with space theme - for under fives. 11am-12pm.
Call: 01908 372797

FRIDAY

ALIEN Jungle Storytime. Newport Pagnell Library. For under fives. 2-2.30pm
Call: 01908 610933

KNITTING Session. Bletchley Library. Knit squares that when sewn together will produce a large knitted picture to display at the end of the summer - for ages seven-plus. This session is sponsored by Hometown Crafts which is providing wool and needles but any donations of wool and needles are welcomed to make blankets for the homeless at Christmas. 2-3pm.
Call: 01908 372797

SHELF Respect. Milton Keynes Central Library. Teen book club - for ages 11-plus. 4.30-5.30pm.
Call: 01908 254050

TEDDY Bears' Space Picnic. Westcroft Library. Please bring your teddy bear - for under fives. 2-2.30PM
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advance and last year's event was a total sell out so make sure you don't miss out.

gates open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm performance.

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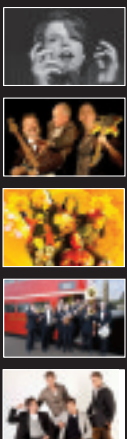
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ANNA SHERIDAN
Happy 90th Birthday Today
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TARA CLARK
Happy 18th
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RACHAEL BEDEAU
Happy 18th Birthday
 on 21st July
Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Daniel, Carl and all the family



Funeral Notices

David Bingham
 peacefully passed away at 10:05pm on the 17/07/10
 Funeral Will take place on Friday 30/07/10 at Crownhill Crematorium at 3.30pm. Peartree Bridge Inn afterwards.
 Flowers to be sent to Masons Funeral Directors in Fenny Stratford or Donations to RNLI.

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Review by Adam Grinsell

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With a list of over 80 different creations, from classics like the Cosmopolitan to new concoctions including the tequila-fuelled Mexican Rose, The Living Room in The Hub is a great place to go and unwind with your favourite fruity tipples.

Each cocktail is learnt in detail by the bar's full-time staff, with every one giving just the right amount of kick.

Best drunk while chilling out and listening to the baby grand piano in the lounge, they were also an excellent compliment to a delicious meal.

In a very contemporary, minimalist setting, we poured over the extensive a la carte menu while enjoying a generous bowl of olives, delighting in tough choices between pub classics like steak and ale pie, and modern dishes from around the world.

I opted for beer battered tiger prawns as a starter, which were large and filling, with a tasty though unusual combination of sweet chilli sauce and wasabi



sides. My friend went for a grilled goats' cheese and spinach-filled mushroom, which was again very tasty, but a bit on the large side for a starter.

My main of roasted pork belly was well presented, with very crisp and generously-thick crackling and a spicy grain-mustard mash, while my friend's griddled Arctic char melted in the mouth and had a strong fishy taste.

By this time we were more than full, but just had to give the desserts a go.

My friend could only manage a simple bowl of chocolate ice

cream, but I was in a more adventurous mood and tried the strawberry, elderflower and prosecco jelly, which was served in a nice glass bowl with two crumbly shortbread biscuits.

I was a bit apprehensive at first, but it was a very fruity and refreshing end to the meal.

We would have loved to have stayed and listened to the piano while sampling more of the extensive cocktail list, but we were simply too stuffed and needed a lie down.

That just means we have a great excuse to go back.

BLETCHLEY PARK

Spying for kids at Bletchley Park

A BRAND new series of Family Fun Days are being launched for the summer holidays at Bletchley Park.

Designed especially for kids from the age of four upwards, the days will feature a range of activities, from spy workshops and lessons in how to send Morse code, to interactive displays about the role of pigeons during World War Two and specially-created children's guided tours.

Starting today, Wednesday 28 July, the Family Fun days will continue on consecutive Wednesdays until Wednesday 1 September.

Other activities include a new Station X Family Activity Bag, which contains different challenges designed to test detective skills, experiencing life as an evacuee and an opportunity to look at the Pegasus Bridge exhibition in more detail.

Each week a different craft

activity will take place, from rag rug making to bottle top toys.

The Park's newly resurfaced play area will once again be open for the summer, along with the giant chess board and as always, a full children's menu is available in the café.

■ For further information and details of each week's activities, contact 01908 640404, info@bletchleypark.org.uk, or go to www.bletchleypark.org.uk

THE A-TEAM (12A)

Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Quinton Jackson, Sharlto Copley, Brian Bloom

From Friday

EVERYONE of a certain age remembers the TV series and the 'Don't put me on no plane Hannibal' references from B.A. Well the boys are back and have been given a 2010 blockbuster makeover. Hannibal (Neeson), Face (Cooper), B. A. (Jackson) and Murdoch (Copley) are a badass Special Ops team until they're stitched up and jailed. Can they escape, find stolen US Mint plates and capture sleazeball Pike (Bloom) in under two hours?

BEAUTIFUL KATE (15)

Ben Mendelsohn, Bryan Brown, Rachel Griffiths, Maeve Dermody

From Friday

NED Kendal returns home to confront his terminally ill dad. Being away from his family and roots has worked well for Ned but once home it's not long before painful family secrets and haunting past memories surface.

GAINSBOURG (15)

Doug Jones, Eric Elmosnino, Laetitia Casta, Lucy Gordon

From Friday

UP-AND-COMING singer-songer Serge Gainsbourg (Elmosnino) cuts his teeth on the cobbled streets of Nazi-occupied Paris. Before long he's on the radio and the path to fame, fortune and success.

THE REBOUND (15)

Catherine Zeta-Jones, Justin Bartha, Robert Bizik

Now showing



NEWLY single 40-year-old mother Sandy moves into a New York apartment with her two young children and employs local coffee shop worker Aram to babysit. An attraction forms, they date. Will romance blossom despite the age gap?

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MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.

Just tell us who plays Hannibal in the A-Team?

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DAILY LIFE**SATURDAY**

OUSE Valley Park. Come and see the parks like you've never seen them before and watch the sun rise. Park at the Hanson Environmental Study Centre, Wolverton Road, near Great Linford. Midnight to 5.30am, £1/person. The Parks Trust: 01908 233600

ROBIN Chandler & The Howling Tomcats. The White Horse, Stony Stratford, Free. Starts 9pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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SUNDAY

LYN'S Bar at The Woughton Centre 1-4pm. Hot For Teacher. Free lunchtime live band playing rock covers. Families welcome.

EASY Riders - The Parks Trust. Furzton Lake, Milton Keynes. 18 mile cycle ride to Winslow using Sustrans Route 51. Meet by Furzton Lake linking bridge to the Bowl. Park in the car park, V5 Watling Street. For full details contact The Parks Trust on 01908 233600 or visit www.theparkstrust.com

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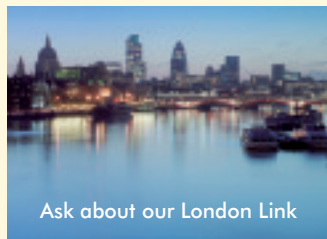
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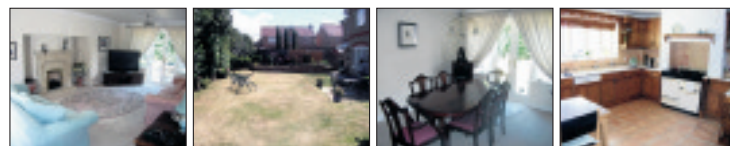
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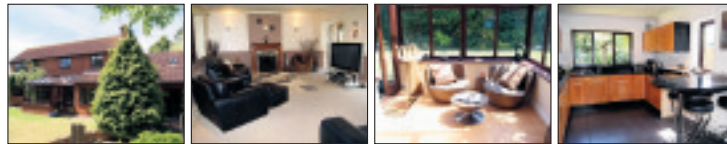
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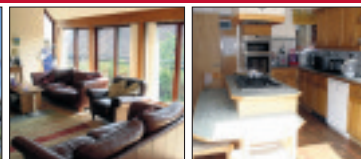
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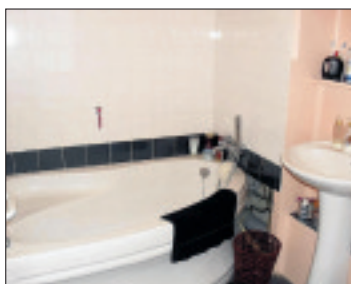
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Neath Hill £169,995



- Well presented
- Three bedroom property
- Cloakroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Rear garden and carport
- Internal viewing recommended



Two Mile Ash O.I.E.O. £180,000



- Much Improved • Four Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Sun Lounge • Gardens
- Viewing Recommended



Netherfield O.I.E.O £115,000



- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

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Fishermead O.I.E.O. £85,000



- One bedroom
- Top floor apartment
- Garage
- Lounge/diner
- Bedroom with dressing area
- Viewing is highly recommended



Downs Barn O.I.E.O. £150,000



- Three Bedroom • Mid Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner • Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended



Furztown £332,500



- Well Presented
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Property
- En Suite To Master
- Double Garage
- Must Be viewed!



Crownhill £167,500



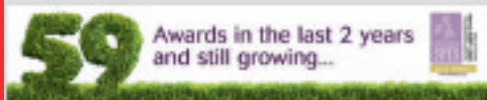
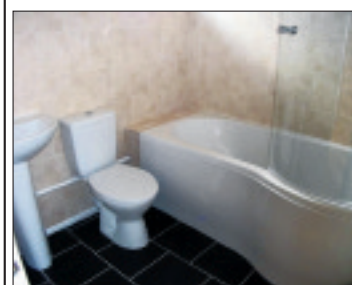
- Two bedroom
- Chalet style property
- Gas radiator heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Off road parking



Bolbeck Park O.I.E.O. £240,000



- Very well presented and much improved
- Three bedroom • Detached property
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted en suite to master
- Refitted family bathroom
- Internal viewng is highly recommended



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Oxley Park £210,000



- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- En Suite
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Brook End £235,000



- Well presented • Three bedroom
- Semi detached property
- Sought after location
- Driveway leading to single garage
- Approximately a 100ft rear garden
- Internal viewing is highly recommended

Bletchley O.I.E.O £170,000



- End Of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Fenny Stratford £89,950



- Two Bedroom • Ground Floor
- Maisonette • Double Glazing
- Refitted Shower Room
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Recommended

Furzton £169,995



- Two bedroom
- Link detached bungalow
- Popular residential area
- Kitchen/diner • Shower room
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway

Westcroft £245,000



- Semi Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- En Suite
- Garage
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Furzton £575,000



- Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three En Suites
- Landscaped Garden
- Double Garage
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £157,000



- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Brook End £284,995



- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En Suite
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Oakhill £384,995



- Well Presented Five Bedrooms
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- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Double Garage

Bletchley Guide Price £175,000



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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Manor Park Guide Price £240,000



- Four Bedroom Detached
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- Bathroom
- Garage

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- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Bletchley £160,000



- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £229,995



- Detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway
- Garage



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Greenleys O.I.E.O £180,000



- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Garden

Greenleys O.I.E.O £164,995



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Two Mile Ash £210,000



- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Stony Stratford £244,995



- Link Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Extended
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Must Be Viewed

Wolverton O.I.E.O £164,995



- Victorian Style Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge/Diner with Bay Window
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

New Bradwell Guide Price £115,000



- Ground Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Fullers Slade £89,995



- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden
- Carport

Stony Stratford £499,950



- Bungalow
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Separate Annex
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen

Greenleys O.I.E.O £160,000



- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Stunning Garden
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Wolverton O.I.E.O £140,000



- Two Bedrooms
- Victorian Property
- Terraced
- Loft Room
- Garage
- Garden

Stony Stratford £190,000



- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Character Features
- Garden

Stony Stratford £110,000



- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- No Upper Chain

Wolverton O.I.E.O £135,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Mid Terraced Property
- Gas Central Heating
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

Wolverton £164,995



- Victorian Style Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front and Rear Garden

Stony Stratford £204,995



- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens

Castlethorpe O.I.R.O £179,995



- Individual and Spacious
- Two Bedroom
- Detached Bungalow
- Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Garage and Off Road Parking



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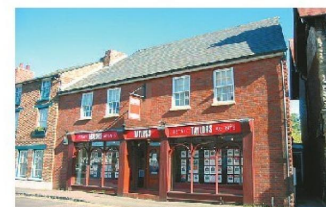
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Newport Pagnell

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- Edwardian property
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted family bathroom
- Gated electronic access
- Off road parking

Bozeat

£170,000



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Driveway
- Garage

Lavendon

£159,995



- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

Newport Pagnell

£270,000



- Four bedrooms
- Garage/utility room
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

Turvey

£180,000



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Study
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Storage Barn

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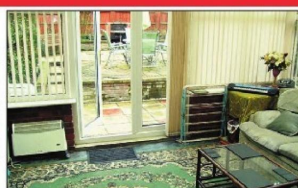
£127,995



- One Bedroom Home
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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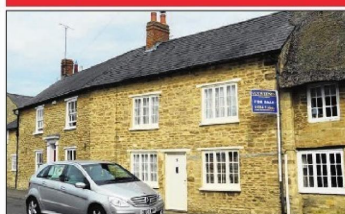
O.I.E.O £175,000



- Link detached home
- Three/four bedrooms
- Kitchen & utility
- Conservatory
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens and off road parking

Olney

£234,995



- Grade II
- Double Fronted Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

Olney

£230,000



- Victorian Style Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Loft Room
- Garden

Newport Pagnell OIEO £250,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Bungalow
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Re-fitted En-Suite
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £150,000



- End of Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Bozeat

£185,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Coach House Style Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Garage

Olney

£310,000



- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Garden



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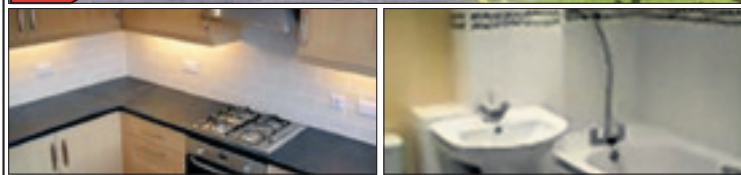
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RARELY AVAILABLE 2 BED VILLAGE HOMES £182,000



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3 BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT £152,995



Very unusual brand new home over two floors. Boasting separate kitchen and 3 bathroom/en-suites. Parking is behind, secure electric gates with resident's garden. Rare for apartments, you even get gas to radiator central heating. Set on a riverside development on the fringe of the city. Ideally located just off the A5 trunk road. Internal from similar home type. THIS PRICE IS A SHARED EQUITY PRICE 85/15 SHARE.



FACING ONTO OPEN SPACE

£235,000



Set on the edge of Buckingham, this brand new rarely available 3 bedroom semi detached house with separate reception rooms and a treble aspect lounge. Upstairs all bedrooms are with wardrobes. To the rear of the plot is also a garage. Specification includes an alarm, ceramic floors to bathrooms, UPVC windows and turfed garden. The location is ideally placed with Milton Keynes (10 miles), Bicester (11 miles), Banbury (18 miles), Brackley (7 miles), Towcester (11 miles).

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY HOME

£224,995



This spacious home features 3 double bedrooms, entrance lobby with cloakroom, kitchen/dining area with French doors leading to the garden, en-suite to bedroom 1 and fitted wardrobes. Set on the east of Milton Keynes within walking distance of the Kingston Centre. Access to the M1 and park and ride is a short drive.

WALK TO THE STATION

£157,950



At 998 sqft this spacious 3 bedroom home is not short on space. Boasting a fantastic kitchen/living area and 2 double bedrooms. There are Juliet balconies. Specification is excellent with gas to radiator heating, wardrobes to bedroom 1, shower over the bath in addition to the en-suite, and a range of integrated kitchen appliances. The development forms a central courtyard which is used as a resident's garden. Ideally located, your home could be a short walk from mainline trains.

FOUR BEDROOMS AND 3 BATHROOMS £265,000

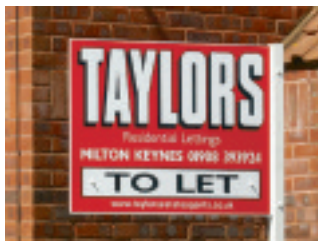


An end of terrace home with garage and double parking on a corner plot. Three of the bedrooms are doubles. Situated on the East of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

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Bletchley £1,500pcm



- Five bedroom detached property situated in the popular 'Racecourses'
- Three reception rooms
- Conservatory
- En suite to master
- Garage
- Backs onto fields and is offered with optional furnishing
- Available immediately

Two Mile Ash £1,395pcm



- Four bedroom detached property
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Downstairs toilet
- En suite to master
- Double garage
- Half the double garage has been converted into a gym
- Offered furnished and is available in August.

Broughton £1,350pcm



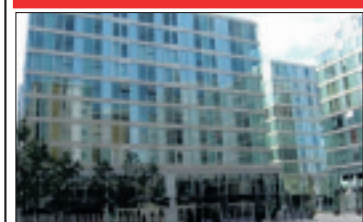
- Well presented four bedroom detached property
- Benefits being within walking distance to the local primary school
- Cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge
- Master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom
- Front and rear low maintenance gardens
- An internal viewing is highly recommended

Middleton £1,350pcm



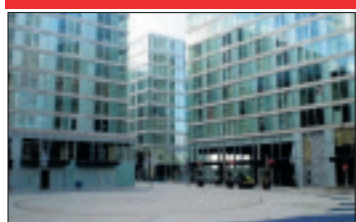
- Four double bedroom detached house
- Currently being refurbished
- Location boasts excellent school catchments
- An internal viewing is highly recommended
- Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924 to avoid disappointment!

The Hub £1,000pcm



- Superb 2 bedroom penthouse apartment
- Stunning views over the Piazza
- Available from the end of July 2010
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Central Milton Keynes £875pcm



- Two bedroom apartment situated in the Centre of Milton Keynes
- Kitchen, lounge, en-suite and bathroom
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Leadenhall £825pcm



- Refurbished three bedroom semi-detached bungalow
- Three double bedrooms
- Walk-in wetroom to master
- Conservatory
- Front and rear gardens
- Offered unfurnished and is suitable for disabled access
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Drayton Parslow £800pcm



- Three bedroom semi-detached property
- Situated in the picturesque village of Drayton Parslow
- Downstairs toilet
- Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- Offered furnished and is available from end September 2010

Wolverton £750pcm



- Three bedroom semi-detached property
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Garden
- Offered unfurnished and is available August
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Broughton £750pcm



- 2 bedroom first floor apartment
- The property is unfurnished and available immediately
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Browns Wood £700pcm



- Well presented two double bedroom semi-detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Front and rear garden
- Off road parking for upto 3 cars
- Offered unfurnished and is available immediately
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Woburn Sands £675pcm



- 2 bedroom split level maisonette
- Situated in the popular location of Woburn Sands
- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom
- 2 double bedrooms
- Communal gardens and allocated parking space

Neath Hill £525pcm



- One bedroom first floor apartment
- The property is available from October 2010!
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New Bradwell £680pcm



- Two double bedroom property
- Situated in the popular area of New Bradwell
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- En suite to master bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Offered with optional furnishing and is available immediately!
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Campbell Park £725pcm



- Two bedroom first floor apartment
- Full refurbishment with new carpets, bathroom and kitchen
- Offered unfurnished and is available immediately
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Wolverton £995pcm



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GARAGE

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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
DRIVEWAY

CROWNHILL Guide Price £185,000



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CLOAKROOM
BATHROOM
FRONT & REAR GARDEN

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KITCHEN
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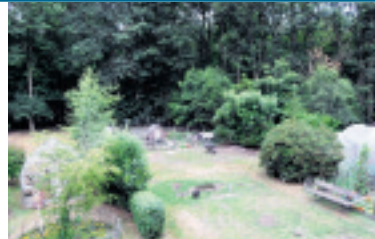
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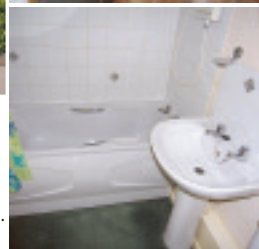
Two Mile Ash £259,995

A four bedroom detached property situated within a cul-de-sac. The property is being offered with immediate vacant possession and is presented in excellent condition. It has been extended to the rear and side, adding a family room and a store area. The kitchen, bathroom, ensuite and cloakroom have all been refitted and PVCu double glazing installed.



Browns Wood £89,995

A one bedroom ground floor apartment which is one of eight situated within this purpose built block. The property is double glazed and has a fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, allocated parking and electric heating. The accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property is being offered for sale with vacant possession.



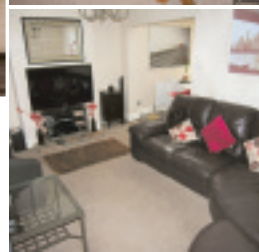
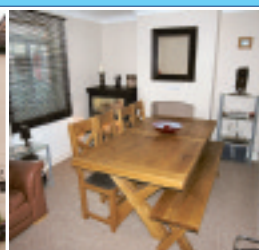
Broughton £224,995

A four bedroom semi detached townhouse. The extremely well presented accommodation includes an ensuite shower room, downstairs cloakroom and a fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob. The front is approached by a driveway which provides off road parking and leads to a garage. To the rear is an attractive southerly facing garden.



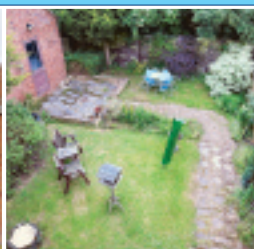
New Bradwell £155,000

A well presented Victorian style mid terrace property. Situated in a no through road within this established area. The layout has been altered and extended to create a more contemporary feel. There is a refitted kitchen, a first floor bathroom with separate shower and a separate dining room. The loft has been boarded and had velux style windows installed. It is currently used as an exercise room. Further benefits include PVCu double glazing, a breakfast area and an enclosed garden.



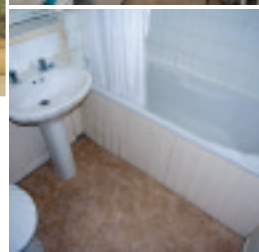
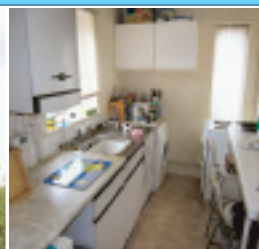
Tredington Grove £172,995

A two bedroom semi detached property situated within a cul-de-sac in this popular residential area. The property has a kitchen/diner with built in appliances and a garage to the side. Further benefits include gas radiator central heating and PVCu double glazing. A particular feature is the width of the plot which gives, in our opinion potential to extend.



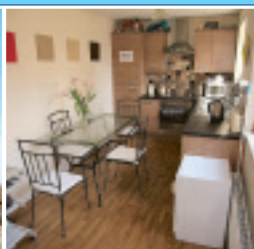
Bradwell Common £115,000

A two bedroom maisonette located with easy access to the city centre and railway station. The accommodation is on the first and second floors and has gas radiator central heating. It has been rented out for a number of years and is offered for sale with vacant possession.



Bletchley £169,950

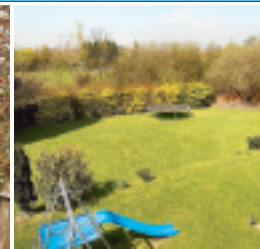
One of two semi detached properties constructed in 2007. Deceptively spacious accommodation includes two double bedrooms, an 18' lounge with bay window and open access to a fitted kitchen/diner and a downstairs cloakroom. It has been rented out since new but is being sold with vacant possession.



Middleton £349,995

A four bedroom detached property with a double garage. A well presented family home situated within this popular residential area. The kitchen and dining room have been linked to create a kitchen/family room and a conservatory has been added to the rear. There is also a downstairs cloakroom and an ensuite dressing area and shower room to the master bedroom.





Emerson Valley £425,000

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Bradwell Common £249,995

A four bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot within a cul-de-sac. The property is well presented with PVCu double glazing and a recently refitted ensuite shower room. There is an integral garage, a downstairs cloakroom and wardrobes in three of the bedrooms. The kitchen has been refitted and knocked through into the dining room to create a large kitchen/diner.



Castlethorpe £425,000

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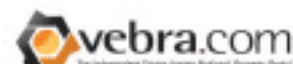
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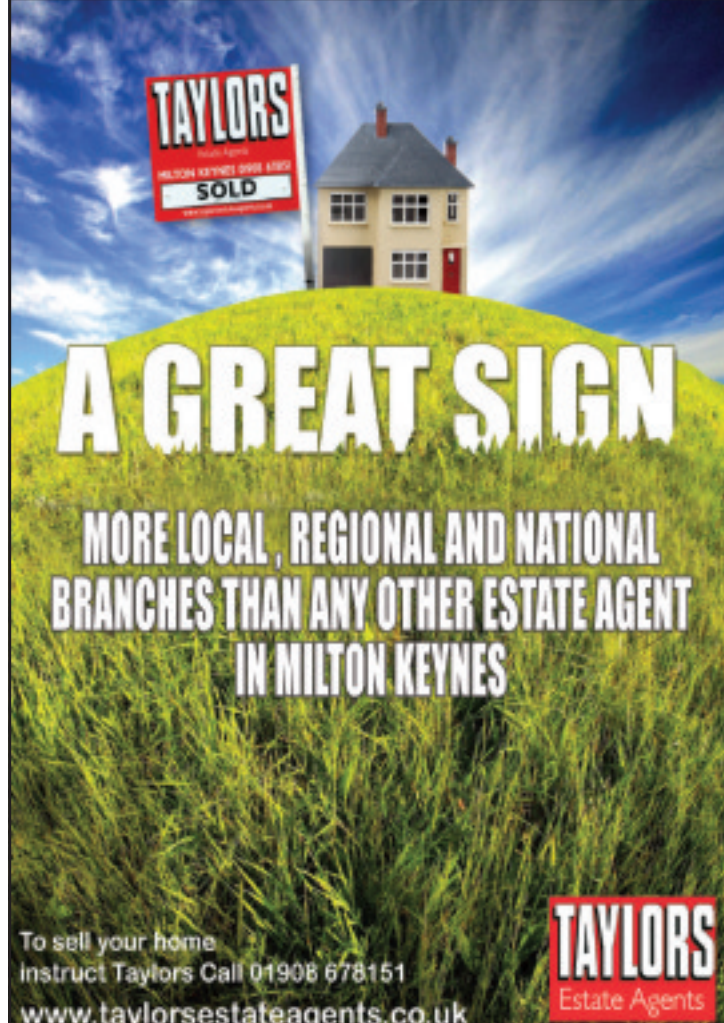
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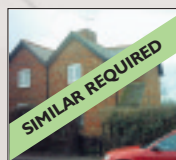
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Salary: starting from £8.35 to £11.03 per hour.

Key person required at Eaglestone Pre-school

Milton Keynes Pre-school Learning Alliance are seeking to employ a Key person at Eaglestone pre-school. The successful applicant will be qualified to CPP Level 2 or equivalent or working towards and have experience of working with pre-school aged children.

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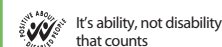
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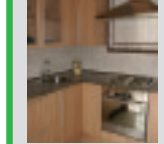
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THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 14, MILTON KEYNES) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in the Borough of Milton Keynes to allow for carriageway resurfacing, road marking and drainage works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 10 nights (09:00pm to 05:00am Mondays to Thursdays, 10:00pm to 06:00am Fridays and 09:00pm to 06:00am Saturdays) starting on, or after, Monday 9 August 2010

The effect of the Order will be to close, at Junction 14 of the M1, the -

1. northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads, diverting traffic northbound to Junction 15, here to exit and then join the southbound carriageway back to Junction 14 and continue on their journey,
2. northbound entry slip road, diverting traffic onto the A509 (Portway) westbound, then northbound on the A5 to the A508 where they will then join the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15,

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The Order will come into force on 2 August 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Nick Cook at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796040.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)****(THE LANE, CHALTON)****(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of The Lane, Chalton which extends from the junction with Chalton Heights east to the junction with Luton Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable gas connection work to be carried out in and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place FOR FIVE DAYS during the period between Monday 2nd and Friday 6th August 2010 between 7:30am and 6:00pm.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the Order are:-

Proceed north on Luton Road to the junction with The Lane. Turn left and proceed south west to the junction with Chalton Heights and site and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 2 August 2010 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Lisa Stafford - Fulcrum Group, Tel: 01709 844444

(KING STREET, DUNSTABLE)**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010**

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The application for a premises licence has been made to The Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, East Milton Keynes, MK9 3HH. Website: www.mkweb.co.uk/gambling

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Daniel Powell in action against Newport Pagnell Town

Loan important for Dons' young striker

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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ANOTHER loan spell for Daniel Powell could ultimately seal his place in MK Dons' first team, according to manager Karl Robinson.

The Dons boss is considering sending the 19-year-old forward out on loan in a bid to gain more experience.

Powell spent the majority of last season with non-league side Forest Green Rovers and while Robinson has already noticed a difference in the Dons' youngest ever goal scorer, he is keen for Powell to continue his development.

Speaking to MK NEWS Robinson said: "When you look at his position we've got Angelo Balanta, Luke Chadwick and Lewis Guy there, and they're extremely gifted players and it's a different level.

"But he's one who is in my plans and if he goes out on loan it will be purely for his education.

"He's come back much better, he understands the game a bit more, he's got better work ethic which is important.

"I think going out on loan is a real good option for him, it stands you in good stead, it's tough, it tests you mentally and technically as well."

Meanwhile, Robinson has rubbished reports linking him to a move for Blackpool defender Ashley Eastham.

Internet stories had suggested Eastham was on the Dons' list of targets, but Robinson says there is no truth in the speculation.

"I can categorically say I've never seen the boy play," Robinson added, "he's never been on a list, he's never been watched by Milton Keynes Dons so I don't know what the agent's playing at but I think it's unfair.

"Maybe he's trying to get him a move to another club and he's using us as a bargaining tool but we're not after him."

Fans turn up to watch shirt presentation

PLAYERS were officially handed their squad numbers for the 2010/11 season during a presentation evening at stadiummk.

Karl Robinson presented his players with their new shirts in front of more than 200 fans on Monday night.

Tongues will be wagging after goalkeeper David Martin was given the number one jersey, but that does not necessarily mean Martin is the first choice between the sticks though, as Willy Gueret and Stuart Searle stuck with 12 and 17 respectively, the numbers they wore last season.

Elsewhere, Sam Baldock has made the switch from 11 to 10 while Dietmar Hamann will don the same number he wore for Germany and Liverpool - 16.

Squad numbers in full:

1. David Martin
2. Jude Stirling
3. Dean Lewington
4. Mathias Doumbe
5. Gary MacKenzie
6. Sean O'Hanlon
7. Stephen Gleeson
8. Jermaine Easter
9. Aaron Wilbraham
10. Sam Baldock



Down one: Sam Baldock

11. Angelo Balanta
12. Willy Gueret
13. Mark Carrington
14. Lewis Guy
15. Danny Woodards
16. Dietmar Hamann
17. Stuart Searle
18. Jabo Ibehre
19. Luke Howell
20. Peter Leven
21. Adam Chicksen
22. Tom Flanagan
23. Charlie Collins
24. Luke Chadwick
25. Daniel Powell



Sweet sixteen: Dietmar Hamann

Alby full of praise for new fitness guru Doyle

AARON Wilbraham praised MK Dons' new fitness coach as he returned from injury in their 3-1 friendly win at Aylesbury on Friday night.

The striker missed out on the Dons' opening three games of the pre-season campaign after picking up a knock in his back during the training camp at St Andrews at the start of the month.

But having successfully completed 35 minutes of match time at Aylesbury, where goals from Sam Baldock (2) and Jabo Ibehre sealed a win, with no side affects Wilbraham is back in the mix for a place in the first team.

And he says the return of fitness and conditioning guru Damien Doyle has had a positive impact on the player.

The 30-year-old told MK NEWS: "It's been frustrating to miss 10 days training, it's not much, but it feels like longer because the boys have been doing double sessions and I've been itching to get back.

"Damo's really good, he's really positive with all the players. We've taken to him straight away, his beliefs are infectious and everyone wants to do what he says.

"A lot of his work is with the ball so it's game related, sometimes the lads don't realise how hard they are working with the ball because they're just enjoying it."

Wilbraham dropped into midfield against the Southern League opposition, and says he is more than happy to play there during the season if Karl Robinson calls upon him to do so.

He said: "The gaffer spoke to me at the end and said it gives us more options, possibly away from home, if I drop into midfield.

"I've done it before but obviously I'm a striker and that's where I want to play, but I like playing anywhere, and I think I've played in most positions for the team."

On Saturday Dons Academy coach Mike Dove took a young side to Newport Pagnell, where they lost 4-1.

There was a surprise inclusion of Jemal Johnson, whose trial at MLS side DC United had been delayed, while Igor Coronado, Charlie Collins and Dan Powell were given another run out.

Adam Chicksen scored the Dons' only goal of the match.



Back to fitness: Striker Aaron Wilbraham

Poor start stops Vettel

MOTOR RACING

SEBASTIAN Vettel claimed a place on the podium at his home Grand Prix, but the race will be remembered for a controversial team decision to favour a team mate.

However, on this occasion it is not Red Bull Racing caught in the storm, instead it was Ferrari who ordered race leader Felipe Massa to allow Fernando Alonso, who is now 34 points off championship leader Jenson Button, through to ultimately win the German Grand Prix.

Ferrari, who denied it was a team order and stated it was a 'driver decision', were fined \$100,000 for breaching sporting regulations and have been referred to the sport's governing body the FIA.

Vettel, who started in pole but fell to third after a poor start, was an onlooker as Alonso gained the lead, and was stood alongside the two Ferrari drivers on the podium.

Red Bull have been subject of plenty of controversy in recent weeks with several reports of rifts between the drivers, and Vettel decided to focus on his experience at Hockenheim rather



Ferrari's Alonso, far left, steals the lead from Vettel at the start of the German Grand Prix

than the Ferrari team orders.

He said: "I was very pleased to be on the podium. It's very special for me at my home Grand Prix, it's great to see the people here and to be on the podium to see everyone cheering is very nice and emotional."

Whereas, team principal Christian Horner was less than impressed with the Ferrari team's tactics, he said: "It

looked to be a team order with the cars switching position. If so, it's a shame for Formula One and the fans that they were deprived of a race between the two Ferrari drivers."

Elsewhere, Mark Webber finished one place behind Vettel in fourth spot, which means his team mate is now level on points in the drivers' championship.

Both Red Bull racers have 136 points to their names, 21 points behind Button.

Webber, who moved from seventh on the grid to clinch fourth, said: "I wasn't in the main fight today, but I'll be back."

It's competitive at the front and that's how it should be, so we're looking forward to the next race."

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Division One

A STUNNING all round display from Milton Keynes City saw them thrash Eaton Bray by a massive 209 runs.

City raced to a huge total thanks to the century of J Iqbal which was supported by Chris Timms (71) and Asif Iqbal (43 not out) and were able to declare with 270-6 on the board.

With a massive score to chase Eaton Bray were always going to struggle, but the bowling of M Sagir (3-17) made it impossible as they were dismissed for just 61 to give fourth placed City an impressive victory.

New Bradwell are continuing to stutter at the top of the table after being held to a draw by Cublington, who currently occupy third spot.

First to bat, Bradwell were bowled out with 249 on the board and Cublington struggled to chase the total but managed to hold on to 152-7 to ensure the points were shared.

North Crawley moved within 26 points of leaders New Bradwell following a seven wicket win at home to Elstow.

They dismissed Elstow for 91, with Robin Platten claiming 4-28, and then eased to victory with 93-3.

Newport Pagnell (217 all out) suffered their tenth defeat of the season away at Studham.

The home side (228 all out) beat Newport by a slim margin of 11 runs.

Aspley Guise (182 all out) lost by six runs to Biddenham (188-4).

Division Two

MILTON Keynes recorded a comprehensive nine wicket win at home to Old Bradwell to move 44 points clear at the top of the table.

An unbeaten 33 from Dhareesh Mistry and 31 not out from Kaushik Sunkara helped Milton Keynes to 101-1 after bowlers Joe Fairbrother (3-16), Dan Ramsell (3-34) and Craig

Gentleman (3-24) had dismissed Old Bradwell for 100.

New City (Milton Keynes) (136-5) won by five wickets at home to Buckland & Aston Clinton (131 all out) after batting second, Olney Town (186-2) successfully chased the target of 183-8 set by Milton Bryan to win by eight wickets.

Shenley Church End (222-4) had to settle for a winning draw with Stewkley Vicarage (132-5) while Cranfield University (198 all out) eased to an 84 run win against Caddington (114 all out).

Division Three

CUBLINGTON remain at the top of the table after beating Wilden by nine wickets.

Wilden finished their innings on 130-7 before Cublington raced to 132-1 in 22 overs thanks to 78 from Leggett and an unbeaten 48 by Harrihy.

Milton Keynes City (216-8) drew

with Drayton Parslow (180-4) while Eggington Foresters (314-2) failed to take ten wickets from New Bradwell (203-7) and also had to settle for a draw.

Open University (152-8) lost by three wickets to North Crawley (154-7) and Stoke Hammond (173-6) beat Willen (170 all out) by four wickets.

CHERWELL LEAGUE

Division One

BLETCHLEY Town made it three wins on the bounce in Cherwell League Division One, with an emphatic 109-run win against Bourton Vale thanks in the main to Graham Simpson's 88 and Mark Roberts first five wicket haul of the campaign to move within one point of their hosts in the league table.

Bletchley scored 240-7, their biggest total of the season, and the hosts fell all out for 131.

MKSPORTSHORTS

Badminton boost

RAJIV Ouseph gave English badminton a huge boost by lifting the men's singles title at the Yonex US Open in Orange County, Los Angeles.

The 23-year-old third seed who trains in MK defeated France's ninth seed Brice Leverdez 21-17 21-9 in 30 minutes.

He dropped just two games in the whole tournament in his opening win and in the semi-finals and the victory made up for his disappointing early exit at the Canadian Open just over a week ago, as well as avenging team-mate Carl Baxter's defeat by Leverdez in the third round in Los Angeles.

Ouseph must now wait until tomorrow (Thursday) to see if the ranking points he collects for his US triumph will be enough to lift Great Britain's highest-ranked singles player the two places he needs to take him into the world's top 20 for the first time.

Further down the line he also has next year's World Championships and the Olympic Games to look forward to.

Chivers takes title

ASPLEY Guise and Woburn Sands Golf Club held its Club Championships on Sunday with the captain, Ian Chivers taking the title at the end of the 36 hole competition with a score of 151.

The runner-up was Tom Munkley, who shot a score of 152, with Niall Johnston finishing third on 155.

Also held at the same time was the members challenge competition, which was won by Dennis Readman.

Bill Love came second and won the over 60 prize.

Sign up at Silverstone

PETROL heads looking to soak up as much of this weekend's FIM Superbike World Championship at Silverstone can do so by attending an autograph session tomorrow (Thursday).

Silverstone will be opening its gates to anyone who has purchased a ticket for the Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the World Superbikes, and they will have exclusive access to the paddock from midday until 5pm.

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Foot injury rules out Rutherford

ATHLETICS

BRITISH long jump record holder Greg Rutherford is missing the European Championships in Barcelona this week after being ruled out due to injury.

Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics club member Rutherford has received treatment on a foot injury and is now undergoing rehab.

The 23-year-old hopes to recover in time to compete in the Aviva London Grand Prix at Crystal Palace next month, as well as October's Commonwealth Games.

His MK Athletics team mate Craig Pickering will still be hoping to make an appearance in Barcelona having been named in the men's 4x100 metres team.

Pickering, 23, missed out on selection for the men's 100m but has been named alongside James Dasaolu, Marlon Devonish, Leon Baptiste, Jeffrey Lawal Balogun, Mark Lewis-Francis and Christian Malcolm for the relay team. The race is on Saturday morning with the final on Sunday.

Table tennis star goes to Delhi

TABLE TENNIS

MILTON Keynes' table tennis star Andrew Baggaley has been selected for his third consecutive Commonwealth Games.

Baggaley, who plays professionally in the Spanish Super League for DKV Borges, is Britain's leading medallist of all time at the Commonwealth Games with two gold medals in Manchester when the sport made its debut at the Games in 2002 and a silver in Australia four years later.

The 27-year-old, who was a Bid Ambassador for the London 2012 Olympics, will travel to New Delhi for the Games which take place from October 3-14.

Baggaley was crowned English Champion on three separate occasions and the youngest ever British Champion at 15.

Dons' West Ham test

'It's one for the fans' says boss Robinson

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MK Dons will test themselves against 'the best of the best' tonight when they host West Ham United in a pre-season friendly at stadiummk.

The Premier League side head to MK having already recorded victories over Peterborough United, VfL Borussia Monchengladbach and Panathinaikos during their preparations for another season in the top flight.

While the Dons were unbeaten, with wins at Oxford City, St Neots Town, Kettering Town and Aylesbury, until a young Dons XI fell to defeat at Newport Pagnell Town.

During those games boss Karl Robinson has tinkered with his side and he now believes he is close to knowing his starting 11 for the League One opener at Walsall in ten days time.

One of those could be striker Jabo Ibehre after Tranmere Rovers manager Les Perry revealed his approach for the former-Walsall man had been turned down by the Dons.

And Robinson is expected to name his strongest available team tonight against the Hammers, he said: "Out of the 22 players there is probably about 14 that could still get in to my first 11, and I know the ones that won't. Don't take



Igor Coronado on the ball against Newport Pagnell Town on Saturday

Wednesday's game as the team that will start the season, because it's an opportunity for them to keep themselves fit against what you'd class as the best of the best.

"The Premier League is the best league in the world and there's a reason these players play in it, because they're extremely gifted."

Avram Grant, appointed successor to Gianfranco Zola in closed season, will give his World Cup stars a run out this evening and in their final friendly against Ipswich Town on Saturday.

Grant could welcome back Robert Green, Jonathan Spector, Matthew Upson and Valon Behrami for their first pre-season action.

Hammers' new boys Mexican winger Pablo Barrera and France international Frederic Piquionne may also be included.

Robinson, who will continue to monitor the performance of former-West Brom and Southampton defender Pele before making a decision on his future with the club, is expecting a tough 90 minutes from the Upton Park men.

"I'm looking forward to it - it's one for the fans. We can apply ourselves in a good manner and make it hard for them, I still want us to play football."

"We've got to move the ball even quicker against West Ham because they're very talented players and if you don't move it quickly they'll take it off you and punish you because of the quality they've got."

"We've got to be on our A-game because West Ham on their A-game will be an extremely difficult challenge. The Premier League teams don't always win their pre-season

games, I know having been at Liverpool and Blackburn, this is what they call their serious two to three weeks. They start putting together their strongest team, I'm sure West Ham will bring a very talented bunch of players and make it very difficult for us."

Dons' travel to Rushden and Diamonds on Saturday, and their pre-season will be completed at home to Birmingham City on Tuesday.

Log on to www.mk-news.co.uk for match reports at the final whistle.

TICKETS are still on sale for the West Ham game, KO 7.30pm.

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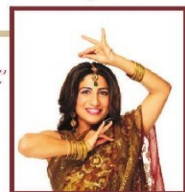
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